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8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage, of fodder, etc.

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	Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—Rice ...	7·4	5½ to 5¾	seers per rupee.
Ragi ...	17·9	10 to 11	seers per rupee.

Agricultural operations.—Ragi thrashing.

Outturn of harvests.—Ragi, yield 4 annas.

Cattle are in good condition. Water and fodder sufficient.

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8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—The condition of sugar-cane is good in parts of the Devanhalli Taluk and moderate in the Nelamangala and Kankanhalli Taluks. It is withering for want of water in the Magadi and Anekal Taluks.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in parts of the Devanhalli Taluk.

Crop harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Bangalore Taluk.

Agricultural operations.—Ragi is being thrashed in the Channapatna and Anekal Taluks.

Outturn of harvests :—

Paddy, yield 5 annas nearly in Hoskote, 8 annas in parts of Magadi, 6 annas in Devanhalli and 3 annas in Closepet.

Ragi, yield 8 annas in parts of Magadi, 6 annas in parts of Devanhalli and 9 annas in Closepet.

Sugar-cane, yield 8 annas in parts of the Nelamangala Taluk.

Damage to crops.—Kadale is being damaged by insects in the Magadi Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season reported to be good in the Hoskote, Kankanhalli, Magadi and Anekal Taluks; moderate in the Bangalore, Nelamangala and Devanhalli Taluks; and not promissing in the Channapatna Taluk.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. "Dod Roga" in parts of Kankanhalli and Closepet and two villages of Channapatna Kasaba Hobli and "Sappe Roga" in Virupakshipur Hobli are prevailing.

Water and fodder available for the present in the Bangalore, Hoskote, Nelamangala, Kankanhalli and Devanhalli Taluks. Well water is used in parts of the taluks of Channapatna, Magadi and Anekal and in Closepet.

KOLAR.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Standing crops* are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crops sown.—Gid ragi and chillies in Mulbagal; sugar-cane in Sidlaghatta and Bagepalli; and cholum in tank beds in parts of Bagepalli.

Crops harvested.—Horse gram in Bowringpet, Bagepalli and Malur; ragi in Kolar and Gudibanda; avare and togari in Bowringpet; paddy in parts of Mulbagal; sugar-cane in Kolar, Chintamani, Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta, Chikballapur, Bagepalli, Goribidnur, Srinivaspur and Gudibanda

Outturn of harvests.—

Kulthi in Bowringpet——Yield from 2 to 4 annas.

„ Bagepalli— Do

„ Malur—Yield 2 annas.

Ragi in Kolar—Yield from 2 to 8 annas.

„ Gudibanda— Do

Avare and togari in Bowringpet—Yield 4 annas.

Sugar-cane in Kolar—Yield 8 annas.

„ Chintamani—Yield 8 annas.

„ Mulbagal and Sidlaghatta—Yield from 4 to 8 annas.

„ Chikballapur—Yield from 2 to 8 annas.

„ Bagepalli, Goribidnur and Srinivaspur—Yield from 8 to 12 annas.

„ Gudibanda—Yield from 4 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Food stuffs are available; but their prices continue to be very high. To provide labour for cooly classes earthwork to tank has been

taken up in several places. Applications for loans are being encouraged and every endeavour is being made to dispose them off promptly. Cooly classes are engaged in sinking wells, repairing roads and are also employed in sugar-cane mills, and under tangadi bark contractors.

11. Except for plague in Kyalanur village, Kolar Taluk, and small-pox in parts of the Mulbagal Taluk, public health generally good.

12. It is reported that "Rinderpest" is still prevailing in parts of the Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta and Bagepalli Taluks and the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk. Water and fodder sufficient for the present. In some parts of the Goribidnur and Srinivaspur Taluks and in Chikballapur town temporary wells have been sunk to tide over the difficulty for water.

TUMKUR.

8. Supply in market moderate.

9. *Standing crops.*—Crops under wells in the Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli, Sira and Pavagada Taluks and cholum and Bengal gram in the Gubbi and Kunigal Taluks and in the Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks, are reported to be in moderately good condition and the same are withering in the Tiptur Taluk. Sugar-cane is withering in the sub-taluk of Turuvekere and the taluk of Tumkur.

Crops sown.—Paddy, cholum and Bengal gram in the Maddagiri Taluk; paddy, cholum and nati ragi in the Sira Taluk and paddy in the Pavagada Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Tumkur, Maddagiri and Kunigal Taluks and the Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks. Cholum in the Chiknayakanhalli and Sira Taluks and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk. Paddy, cotton, castor, avare and togari in the Sira Taluk; horse gram and castor in the Pavagada Taluk; and avare and togari in the Koratagere Sub-Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. The major portion of the district is affected with scarcity and the large number of works in progress in all the taluks are affording labour to the poor. Gratuitous relief is being granted in the Tumkur, Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli, Gubbi, Tiptur and Kunigal Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Relief to weavers is being given in the Tumkur, Chiknayakanhalli, Gubbi and Tiptur Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Food stuffs are available but their prices are high.

11. Except for small-pox in certain villages of the Maddagiri and Chiknayakanhalli Taluks and cholera in the village of Venkatapur in the Pavagada Taluk, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" among cattle in all the taluks except the Koratagere Sub-Taluk is still prevailing. Fodder is procurable in limited quantities except in portions of the Tumkur, Chiknayakanhalli, Tiptur, Pavagada and Kunigal Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Water scarcity is being felt in several villages of the Tumkur, Chiknayakanhalli, Gubbi, Tiptur, Pavagada and Kunigal Taluks and in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Temporary wells are being sunk in many places.

MYSORE.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations*—Lands in parts of the Gundlupet Taluk are being ploughed for sowing kar seeds. Wet and dry lands are being ploughed in the T. Narsipur Taluk.

Standing crops.—These are reported to be in fair condition in all taluks except in parts of the Mysore and Mandya Taluks, where they are withering for want of rain. Condition of Bengal gram in parts of the Nanjangud and Nagamangala Taluks is reported to be not good.

Crops harvested.—Togari in parts of the Hunsur Taluk; Bengal gram in parts of the Heggaddevankote Taluk; paddy in parts of the Malvalli Taluk; ragi in parts of the Yedatore, Heggaddevankote, Malvalli and Krishnarajpete Taluks, all these are being harvested.

Estimated outturn of crops.—

In the Seringapatam Taluk—{ Paddy, yield 16 annas. / Ragi, yield from 6 to 8 annas.

In the Malvalli Taluk—Paddy and ragi, yield 8 annas each.

In the Krishnarajpete Taluk—Ragi, yield 4 annas.

In the Mandya Taluk—Paddy, Bengal gram, sugar-cane and mulberry, less than 4 annas

10. Prospects of the season indifferent in some parts and not good in others. Food stuffs are available with raiyats and merchants, but their prices are still high. Ragi was gratuitously distributed among some men in the Hoblis of Kikkeri and Santebachahalli of the Krishnarajpete Taluk. 502 individuals in the Nagamangala Taluk are reported to be under gratuitous relief.

11. Except for plague in a few places, public health generally good.

12. Cattle are suffering from "Dod Roga" in parts of the Mysore, Heggaddevankote, Gundlupet and Nanjangud Taluks. Fodder is scarce in parts of the Mandya, Krishnarajpete and Nagamangala Taluks. Cattle from Mandya are reported to have been taken to Heggaddevankote Forests for grazing. Tanks in parts of the Mandya Taluk are running dry. Owing to scarcity of water in parts of the Hunsur and Mandya Taluks, temporary wells have been sunk. Water is available in other places.

HASSAN.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Sugar-cane and Bengal gram in the Hassan Taluk are reported to be withering for want of rain. Avare and Bengal gram in the Arkalgud Taluk; sugar-cane and Bengal gram in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk; sugar-cane, Bengal gram, coriander and menthya in the maidan parts of the Belur Taluk; and paddy, sugar-cane, jola and Bengal gram in the Channarayapatna Taluk, are reported to be in fair condition. Bengal gram sown in beds of tanks in the Arsikere Taluk are reported to be flowering and bearing, while those of the Channarayapatna Taluk are reported to be withering for want of moisture.

Crops harvested.—Bengal gram in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk and the Alur Sub-Taluk; avare in the Belur Taluk and the Alur Sub-Taluk and sugar-cane in the Belur Taluk and the Alur Sub-Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season generally fair, except in parts of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, in parts of Dod Kadur and Kasba Hoblis of the Hole-Narsipur Taluk and in parts of the Madihalli and Halebid Hoblis of the Belur Taluk, where the prospects are not encouraging.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Hassan and Belur Taluks, and measles in the Hole-Narsipur Town, public health is generally good.

12. Cattle are generally in fair condition. "Dod Roga" is prevalent in parts of the Manjarabad, Hole-Narsipur, Arkalgud and Arsikere Taluks. Fodder is generally available. In parts of the Channarayapatna Taluk, dug-up grass, jola stalks and sugar-cane leaves are being used as fodder in addition to ragi and paddy straw. Many cart-loads of ragi and paddy straw are being taken to the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks from the Hassan and Manjarabad Taluks and the Alur Sub-Taluk. Want of drinking water having been felt in some taluks, additional funds have been applied for to enable sanction of estimates received for sinking wells in villages where they are urgently needed. It is reported from the Belur Taluk that temporary wells have been sunk in tank beds in several villages by raiyats of such villages. For subsistence of labourers, tank works have been started in the Channarayapatna and Arsikere Taluks. It is reported that the District Executive Engineer has been requested to start works in affected tracts in connection with the restoration of major tanks and collection of road materials.

SHIMOGA.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Crops planted.*—Sugar-cane is being planted in the Kumsi Sub-Taluk and preparations for planting it are being made in the Honnali Taluk.

Standing crops.—White jolum, cotton and Bengal gram in Channagiri are not in good condition.

Crops harvested.—Paddy in the Shikarpur, Sorab, Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks; ragi in the Shimoga, Channagiri, Honnali and Sorab Taluks; Bengal gram in the Shimoga, and Honnali Taluks; togari in the Honnali Taluk; and areca in Sorab, Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks; sugar-cane is being milled in the Shimoga, Channagiri, Honnali, Shikarpur, Sorab, Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks and in the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

Probable outturn of crops.—

In the Shimoga Taluk—Paddy, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
In the Channagiri Taluk—Paddy, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Ragi and other dry crops yield from 4 to 8 annas.
In Honnali—Paddy and sugar-cane, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
In Sagar—Paddy, yield from 8 to 12 annas.
In Nagar—Paddy, yield 14 annas.
Sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.
In Tirthahalli—Paddy, yield 10 annas.
Areca, yield 12 annas.
In Kumsi—Horse gram, yield 8 annas.
Paddy, yield 14 annas.
Ragi, yield 10 annas.
In Shikarpur—Paddy, yield 8 annas.
Sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.
In Sorab—Paddy, yield 10 annas.
Ragi, yield from 2 to 4 annas.
Sugar-cane, yield 10 annas.
Areca, yield 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season uncertain. Food stuffs are available in the markets but their prices still continue to be very high.

Demand for labour.—Since all the raiyats are busily engaged in harvesting operations no great demand for labour exists at present.

General conditions of the district.—As tanks in several villages in the Shimoga Taluk have not got any water in them, people have to go a long way to fetch water for drinking purposes. The Amildar has been asked to submit a list of villages wherein necessity exists for sinking temporary wells. It is only during summer that water scarcity will be felt in such villages; but temporary wells will be sunk in the meantime wherever they are urgently needed. Although the yield of dry crops in some of the villages of the Shimoga, Channagiri and Honnali Taluks is poor, yet no cause for anxiety exists.

11. Public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" is still prevalent in some of the villages of the Shimoga, and Channagiri Taluks. It is subsiding in the Sorab and Sagar Taluks. Water and fodder are available for the present.

KADUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing in Chikmagalur, Mudgere and Yedahalli, and sowing of kar-paddy in a few villages of the Kadur Taluk are going on.

Standing crops.—

In Chikmagalur—Coffee, jola, gingelly, kulthi, avare, Bengal gram, wheat, fenugreek, coriander, castor and sugar-cane.

In Kadur—Paddy, wheat, Bengal gram, avare, sugar-cane and castor.

In Tarikere—Bengal gram, sugar-cane, avare, jola, cotton, gingelly and coriander.

In Koppa—Sugar-cane, pepper, coffee and areca.

In Mudgere—Paddy, ragi, coffee and areca.

In Yedahalli—Sugar-cane, areca and coffee.

In Sringeri—Nil.

Condition of these standing crops is reported to be unsatisfactory owing to want of timely and sufficient rain.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

In Chikmagalur—Sugar-cane, avare, kulthi, castor and coffee, yield from 4 to 8 annas.

In Kadur—Sugar-cane, yield 8 annas; and Bengal gram, yield 4 annas.

In Mudgere—Paddy, coffee and areca, yield 8 annas.
Coffee, yield from 10 to 12 annas.
Areca, yield from 8 to 10 annas.

10. The present condition, though unsatisfactory, does not seem to call for any special arrangements being made to provide for labour. It being the harvesting time, the poorer class find labour in the fields and ordinary public works in progress throughout the district. The local officers have been instructed to watch the situation and take necessary steps in that direction without loss of time. Food stuffs are available, but their prices are high.

11. Except for plague in certain villages of the Kadur and Tarikere Taluks, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. Water and fodder are available in the malnad; but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan portions of the district.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Such as paddy, jola, wheat, cotton, sugar-cane, Bengal gram, castor, chillies, horse gram, tobacco and navane are reported to be withering for want of rain, except those under channels and kapile wells which are in fairly good condition.

Crops sown.—Nil.

Crops harvested and their yield.—Castor, cotton, jola, tobacco and Bengal gram, yield from 4 to 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season fair, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks. Food stuffs available.

There is demand for labour in the affected parts of the district. Road works, deepening of wells, removal of prickly-pear, restoration of gokattes, tank works, filling up of large pits, etc., in the vicinity of villages have been started to relieve the distress of the poor and the needy in addition to the takavi loans and gratuitous relief by grant of grain doles in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy, except in parts of the Holalkere Taluk, where Rinderpest prevails. Water and fodder available except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Molakalmuru and Hosdurga Taluks. Fodder being insufficient, it is procured at high rates from places where the same is available. Water has been made available in many places by deepening existing wells and also by sinking new ones.

BANGALORE,
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